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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

### FRENCH BANK SCANDAL.

### SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS.

### CHARGES AGAINST CLEMENCEAU.

PARIS, February 26.

A scandal recalling that of the Panama appears to be developing from the Banque Industrielle de Chine affair. M. Andre Tardieu and M. Edouard Ignace are both important collaborators with M. Clemenceau in the affair with the opportunity of directing terrible attacks upon highly placed personages. It is alleged a rival bank had in the Briand cabinet strong supporters who opposed the refloating of the Banque Industrielle de Chine. The name of M. Doumer is mentioned in this connection.

Those who are indignant at those attempts to discredit responsible personages urge that if there is to be an inquiry it should be comprehensive and include allegations against M. Clemenceau and his followers, especially with regard to the care of the former deputy M. Paul Meunier who has just been released after serving 27 month's prison without trial on the ground that there was no evidence justifying his commitment for trial for "intelligences with the enemy." It is alleged that M. Paul Meunier offended M. Clemenceau. As a deputy he was immune from arrest except with the permission of a parliamentary commission, but he was arrested during the electoral period at the end of 1919 when one parliament was dissolved and another parliament was not elected, and technically a deputy was no longer a deputy.

It is alleged that M. Paul Meunier, who is a barrister, opposed the interests of an enemy banker named Rosenberg which M. Clemenceau's brother, who is also a barrister, was defending. M. Paul Meunier politically is an advanced radical. He is editor of the defunct newspaper La Verite.

### EAST INDIA RAILWAY STRIKE.

### WORKERS GRADUALLY RESUMING.

CALCUTTA, February 26.

The East Indian Railway workers (who struck for political motives) are gradually resuming. A rail was found across the track between Asansol and Silvarampur. Stones were thrown at the driver of a goods train at Burdwan.

A European lady was badly cut in the hand in a terrible tussle with an Indian armed with a knife who entered her compartment as the express was leaving Burdwan. Indians in the next compartment pulled the alarm and the assailant fled, taking the lady's purse.

### LIQUOR FOR DRYLAND.

### BRITISH SCHOONER DETAINED.

PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, February 26.

The United States coastguard cutter has seized a Nova Scotian motor schooner named "Emerald" flying the British flag with a cargo of 1,000 cases of liquor for New York delivery. The crew have been detained pending examination.

### BIG MANILA FIRE.

### 4,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS.

MANILA, February 26.

In a disastrous fire 800 houses were burned down, and 4,000 people are homeless.

### HONOUR FOR LASCELLES.

LONDON, February 26.

Viscount Lascelles has been appointed a Knight of the Garter.

### SIR J. M. BARRIE, O.M.

### NEW HONOUR FOR GREAT PLAYWRIGHT.

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the impossible, and, therefore, probable, that make up so much of Sir James Matthew Barrie, Bt., etc., as the world has been allowed to see.

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### THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/4 18/16

To-day's opening rate 2/4 13/16.

### MORE LABOUR TROUBLE.

### ENGINEERING INDUSTRY CRISIS.

### GENERAL LOCKOUT ORDERED.

LONDON, February 26.

A national crisis has arisen in the engineering industry. The employers have given notice of a lockout on March 11 in connection with the dispute over the freedom of the management with regard to overtime concerning which a ballot by the men resulted in rejection of the recommendation of the executive in favour of acceptance of the memorandum laying down that trade unions should not interfere with the right of employers to exercise managerial functions in their establishments. Half a million men are directly affected, but the employers and the union will confer on March 7 with a view to averting the trouble.

### SHIPBUILDING STRIKE.

Meanwhile it is understood a ballot of shipbuilding workers on the employers' proposal to remove the bonus of 20s. od. a week in two instalments beginning on March 16 has resulted in a majority in favour of rejection, thus raising the possibility of a shipbuilding lockout.

### PRINCE OF PATIALA VISIT.

### THREE DAYS' SPORT.

### GOORGEOUS STATE BANQUET.

LONDON, February 26.

After a friendly demonstration of cheering by a crowd between 50,000 and 100,000 strong at the people's fair at Delhi, the Prince of Wales spent three days at Patiala playing polo, shooting and pig-sticking. He was entertained at a gorgeous state banquet.

The Prince laid the foundation stone of the King George's royal military college at Jullundur, the first of several schools for the sons of Indian soldiers to be built with moneys in the King Empress's patriotic fund subscribed during the war. Subsequently the Prince left for Lahore.

### INDIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

### AN EIGHT HOURS' DISCUSSION.

DELHI, February 26.

The all-India Congress committee, after eight hours discussion, passed Gandhi's resolution (mentioned in our earlier cables) practically unaltered. It is understood that the resolution goes beyond Gandhi's personal views and was drafted to meet opinions generally held by the Congress and the leaders of the Halaviyas. The views favouring abandonment of civil disobedience and non-co-operation found no supporters.

### ICEBOUND BALTIC.

### BLOCKADE BREAKS.

STOCKHOLM, February 26.

The ice blockade at Gothenburg has broken. Fourteen ships held up off the Vinge lighthouse have arrived at Gothenburg.

[A previous cable stated: Eighteen steamers are icebound in the Baltic, some in a critical position. One is already been wrecked but the crew was rescued. A gale is blowing icebergs ashore.]

### IRISH ELECTION DELAY.

### SITUATION MORE HOPEFUL.

LONDON, February 26.

A series of conferences at the Colonial Office between Mr. Churchill and representatives of the South Irish and North Irish governments with regard to the three months' delay in the Irish elections ended this morning. The South Irish representatives are going to Ireland to-night. It is understood that the situation is much more hopeful.

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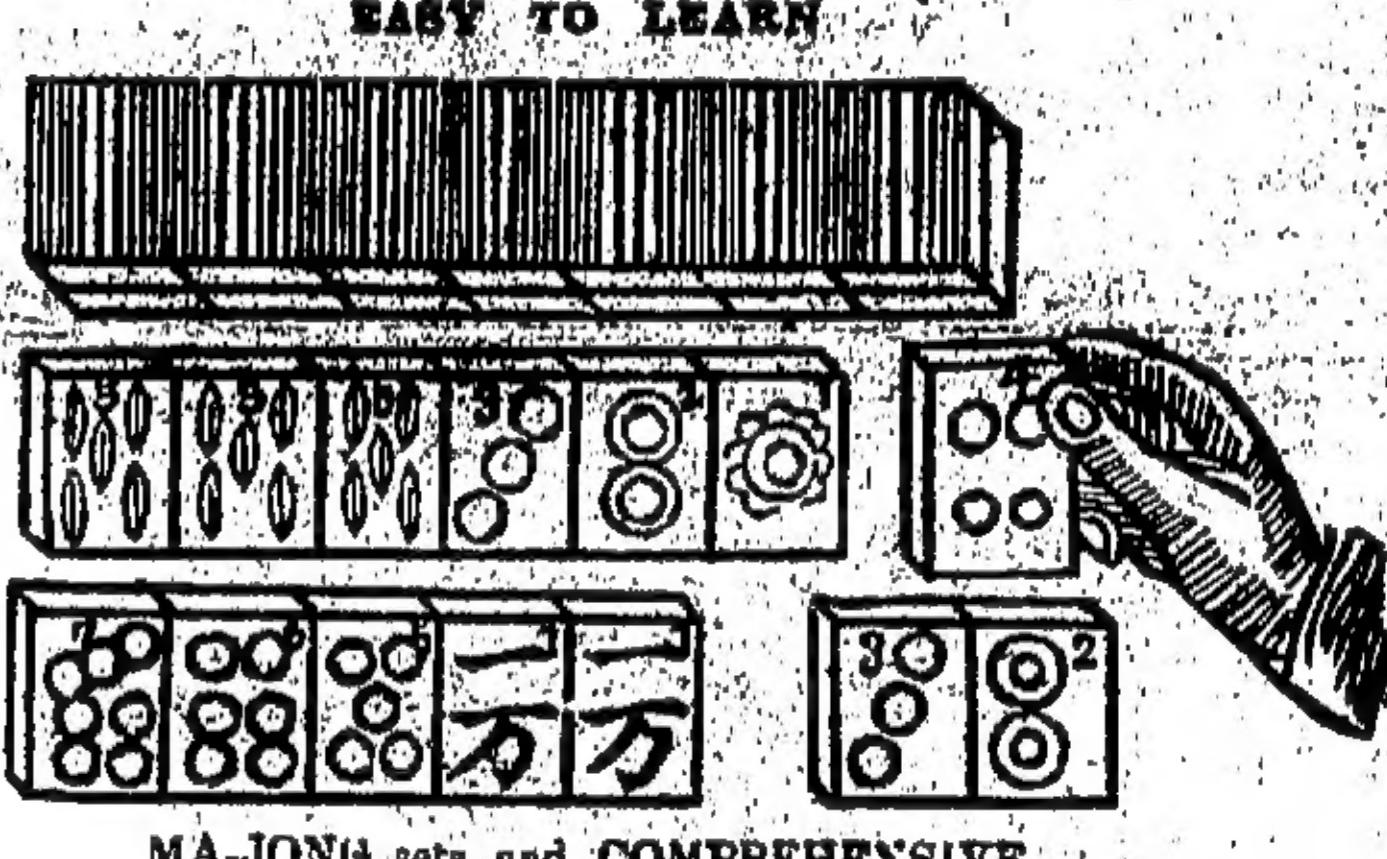
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#### HONGKONG HOTEL.

#### GRILL ROOM.

THE usual DINNER DANSANT will NOT be held on MONDAY, February 27th.

The DINING ROOM (Old Grill Room) will be used as GRILL ROOM on MONDAY night and will be opened from 7 to 9.15 p.m.

Hongkong, February 23, 1922.

#### HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

Proposed New Issue of Shares to Members on the Register on 17th February, 1922.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 25th February, 1922, both days inclusive.

Dated the 7th February, 1922.

By Order of the Board,

H. N. BEAUREPAIRE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 7, 1922.

#### HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 8th March, 1922, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1921, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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### INTIMATIONS.

#### CREDIT NATIONAL 1922.

Issue of New Bearer Bonds redeemable in 10 years.

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Hongkong, February 6, 1922.

#### THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 22nd of February, to TUESDAY, the 28th February, 1922, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

M. MANUK,

Secretary.

#### THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

#### THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on FRIDAY, the 3rd March, 1922, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1921, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 22nd February, 1922, until FRIDAY, the 3rd March, 1922, both days inclusive.

Dated the 7th February, 1922.

By Order of the Board,

H. N. BEAUREPAIRE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 17, 1922.

#### HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on FRIDAY, the 3rd day of March 1922, at 11.30 o'clock, in the forenoon when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions.

1. That Article 103 of this Company's Articles of Association be altered as follows:

(a) By the insertion of "\$10,000" in the place of "\$8,000" in the fifth line thereof.

(b) By striking out in the ninth and tenth lines thereof the words "for each financial year of the Company" and inserting in place thereof the words "in every year wherein such profits shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$150,000, and a commission of ten per cent per annum on all the net profits of the Company in excess of that sum."

2. That the above Resolutions (No. 1) to be retrospective and take effect from the 1st day of January, 1922.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a further Extraordinary General Meeting and such Meeting will be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of March 1922, at the same time and place for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming such Resolutions as Special Resolutions accordingly.

Dated the 15th day of February, 1922.

By Order of the Board,

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

On behalf of the family and intimate friends of Sir Ellis Kadoorie, I wish to thank all friends for their kind sympathy and tribute.

C. S. GUBBAY.

The China Mail.  
BUREAU, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE,

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEB. 27, 1922

## HONGKONG'S "LIFE BLOOD."

Shipping, we frequently find it stated, is the life-blood of this colony. It is an attempt to describe vividly and forcibly the importance to this port of one department of its industry. It is the emphasis of poetry rather than the accuracy of knowledgeable analysis. It is as if one were to say that the stomach is the life of a man, or that the brain is, or any other organ lacking which a man might not continue living. Truly, and in a most conspicuous way the continued prosperity of this place depends upon the shipping. Not necessarily on the prosperity of the shipping, but on such conditions as will permit and cause the shipping to continue its essential functions. If the life-blood analogy is to be maintained (as it probably will) despite our finicking objections to it) it was better to describe Hongkong's shipping as the arteries and veins which convey its life-blood, in which case we might even liken the Banking industry of the colony to the heart which does the essential pumping. At least, it is our fond hope that our bankers deserve this comparison. If they do not, as much the worse for us. Sometimes it

satellite. Whenever this particular emphasis of appreciation is to be advanced again, it should go where it rightly belongs, to the import and export merchants of Hongkong. When they prosper, Hongkong prospers. Let them fall, and Hongkong must fall.

## The Optimists.

That hope, as the poet sang, still springs eternal in the human breast, was shown at Happy Valley on Saturday, even more it seemed than on the previous days of the race meeting, by the eager crowds that thronged the counters where the each sweep tickets were on sale. There was only one counter set apart for each race and a bargain sale with \$50 goods marked down to 50 cents wasn't in it with the scrimmage that took place in front of these windows. The races on Saturday lasted for roughly six hours. During that time 14,277 tickets went across the counter so that, as each carried a dollar commission, the Jockey Club was making money at the rate of just on \$240 a minute. The best prize on Saturday was \$417 as against \$3,705.10 last year. It would be interesting to discover whether the man who actually won it got more pleasure out of the winning than hundreds of unsuccessful ticket buyers must have derived from imagining what they would do with the money if they won it.

## Parsons and Politics.

Should Parsons be permitted to enter politics? The question is being debated at home just now in consequence of a meeting of Anglican clergymen in London at which it was urged that Holy Orders should no longer constitute a bar to membership of the House of Commons. Bishop Welldon is among those who strongly disapprove the idea. A clergyman he declared "who had gone through a contested election would never be regarded as a man of the spirituality which should belong to a pastor of souls. The atmosphere of political life, the love of victory, the attack upon opponents, not infrequent misrepresentation or abuse, are alien from the spirit of Holy Orders." Had he known of it the Bishop might have added point to his observations by quoting the parable of what happened to an American preacher who tried to combine the duties of Church and State and found it couldn't be done. He took on the post of sheriff in addition to his pastoral duties and was able to hold down both jobs quite comfortably for a time. His first snug came when two men in his county were sentenced to be hanged. As Sheriff it was his clear duty to hang them; as a preacher it was his duty to protest against such a thing. "Ergo," the San Francisco Chronicle which tells the story ironically concludes, "either the sheriff on the preacher must resign. The preacher will give up his pastorate. The sheriff will hang the condemned men."

## Hope Deferred.

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick. Since the day many months ago when the Hongkong branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine first closed its door, local depositors in common with other anxious victims in every large centre in the Far East, have had their hopes alternately raised and dashed by the cable messages from Paris, hopeful and despondent, which have come to break the long periods of silence when presumably no news was to be taken as good news. On one occasion it was even definitely announced that the Banque would be reopened on a given date, but these joyous tidings were promptly followed by the sad news that something China had done made reopening uncertain once more. Then with the Washington Conference over, the Government tackled this long outstanding problem and a bill was introduced into the Chamber of Deputies for refloating the Banque in order to salvage France's damaged credit and prestige in the Far East. Now that this bill has at last apparently exhausted the number of committees through which it can possibly pass, a scandal has been created and the whole matter promises to become the subject of a bitter-and lengthy-inquiry involving many high personages. With political rivals attempting to compromise each other and prepared to raise matters quite irrelevant to the issue, who can say when the interests of the unlucky depositors, now mere pawns in the game, will receive serious attention, much less justice?

A small fire broke out in a hut in a lane between Nos. 13 and 14 godowns of the Hongkong and New Quay Wharf, and Godown Ct., in Catochick Street, Kennedy Town, last night. The hut was quickly gutted and a quantity of slate shingles it was destroyed. The fire brigade did good work in preventing a flame from spreading to the godowns.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. T. C. Maxwell, who came out with the Bandman Company has died at Calcutta.

## BOXING.

## GOOD BOUTS AT CITY HALL.

## SATURDAY'S FIGHTS DESCRIBED.

The Hongkong Boxing Association arranged a good programme of boxing contests at the City Hall on Saturday night. There was a large attendance including H. E. the Governor, and the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies. The majority of the bouts were short, a fine spirit of keenness being displayed. What disappointment could be felt because of this must have been dispelled by the excellent display put up by Chadwick and Hindle. It was one of the best fights seen here for some time. Every round was fought at a fast pace, both men being clean and clever in their fighting. The verdict went to Chadwick but by the smallest of margins.

## RUSSELL V. SANFORD.

O. S. Russell, H.M.S. "Hawkins," depated for A. B. Eardley, H.M.S. "Ambrose," in a six round contest with L.S. Sanford, H.M.S. "Durban." The fight did not last round. Sanford opened up like a winner but Russell soon had him in check. There were several exciting exchanges and just before the gong sounded, Sanford gave up. Everyone was surprised.

## WARDER DE DEAR V SERGT. TRIBEM.

Knocked down by motor car No. 31 in Shanghai Street, a Chinese woman was yesterday afternoon removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital. Her condition is not serious.

Mr. J. L. Crockett, local manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McHutchin, returned from furlough by the "Empress of Asia," yesterday.

Among the passengers who arrived from home by the P. and O. s.s. "Devanha" yesterday, was Lieutenant Sir Charles Kavanagh, who is passing through on his way to Shanghai. Sir Alfred and Lady Knox were passengers from Singapore by the same ship.

The Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual show takes place in the Botanic Gardens on Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. Lady Stubbs presents the prize at 6 p.m. The military band will play during the afternoon and tea, supplied by the Hongkong Hotel, will be obtainable at 50 cents.

The half hour motor coach service between the Hongkong and Repulse Bay Hotels yesterday afternoon met with ready patronage, in spite of the threatening weather. Cheap and comfortable, this service promises to increase its first success with the approach of warmer weather.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade was called out last night to attend to an outbreak in Temple Street, Yau Ma Tei, in premises used for storing split rattan. The flames were extinguished after a strenuous fight, but not before damage was done to the extent of \$2,000. This is covered by the Wing On Insurance Co., for the same amount.

The Hongkong Hotel management has arranged another series of tea and dinner dances. Mr. Will Hender, the jazz specialist, plays at the Repulse Bay Hotel tea dances on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. On Wednesday and Saturday he will play with the jazz band at the Repulse Bay Hotel dinner dances.

A happy complement to the pleasure of Saturday afternoon's races, the dinner dances at the Repulse Bay Hotel in the evening was the most successful of the week, more than 250 dancers sampling the joys of Mr. Will Hender's clever jazz music. Mr. Hender was in great form and his xylophone solos were especially appreciated. Miss Rita Shields won further laurels with several charming jazz songs. Her biggest hit was in "Coal Black Mammy Of Mine" in which she appeared dressed in immaculate male attire.

A Chinese woman living at No. 50, D'Aguilar Street, answered a knock at the stair door at about 9.30 p.m. yesterday and on inquiry was informed that a messenger from the Yee Tai Shop, where her husband worked, had called on important business. She opened the door and four men entered. Two of them produced revolvers and the others daggers, and after driving the woman and the other three into the kitchen where they locked them in, the robbers ransacked the flat and stole \$180 worth of property.

## LOOK-SEE HOUSE.

## SAGA OF A P.S.A.

On a green headland, overlooking the diapered sea, stand to the four winds, nor humble nor meek yet very low, crouches like gull on nest a bungalow. As wardens of its outer march, housed on the instep of the hill, are turkeys, geese, and Guinea-fowl. The Africans last named challenge the Sunday guest with a conundrum in French. "Pourquoi?" "Pourquoi?" they vociferate. "Comment?" he makes a reply, doubting his astounded ears, and yet again they cry "pourquoi pourquoi?" "Indeed," now answers he with cheerfulness, saluting with doffed hat the philosophic fowls, "for good, I trust, and only that. There was a chit. There was talk of tiffin, and some business with the telephone. There is also the matter of friendly intercourse. There may be sunshine in a garden. There is almost sure to be music. And—with a sweep of the arm seaward—"there is our lady mother to worship, and the dreams she sends her true children. If only to overlook the sea from a height, and to dream, why not? La vie sans reue, qu'est-ce?"

To all which, in precisely the same tone as before, those stupid fowls again demanded, "Pourquoi?"

"Ho-ho! And is it so your bird-wit is troubled? Is it the eternal ad quid venisti you would have me answer? You must excuse me this obscure and humble person, who has long ceased to strive for such far-flung understandings, and who now thinks only as they thought who roamed ages ago the unploughed earth, they whose answer to all the elemental queries of things as they are was simple wonder. Would you mind repeating your interrogatory?

Pourquoi?

I wonder. I also wonder.

It was a breathless wonderer, huddling to his mental bosom a parable, who climbed the brow and saluted the hospitably open door of Look-see House.

That is not its name, of course. Discretion is the better part of literary value. The Ercotian name of this charming cottage is a greeting group of syllables, that might rhyme to oats. On a wooded height behind and above it a post is building him an eyrie, and he will be seeking a name for himself. Let him, an as like it, help himself to this one.

Look-see House.

There is poetry in it as well as fun, and well it fits the homes of seeing folk who live in such state like lofty monarchs of the beauties they survey.

There was tiffin, there was laughter and the cheerful talk of friends, and there was music. Likewise there were dreams, what time the panorama of hill and sea was admired, but of these nothing here, since the fond heart may not bare itself before them that may not understand.

The nine dragons sat with their knees drawn up in a soft swetra. He that went up came down again, and heard once more the speckled chicks of Guineas at their everlasting enquiry. "Pourquoi?" Toward by tram and to work again, but with no sadness of sense of loss. Rather a feeling of uplift, of a wordless song singing itself inwardly.

And that was the true answer.

"Not where the wheeling systems darken,"

And our benumbed conceiving soars!

The drift of pinions, would we hearken,  
Beats at our own clay-shuttered doors."

## WOMEN TRADERS.

## NIGERIA COSTUMES AND MOTOR-CARS.

Interesting descriptions of Nigerian life are given in letters from Mr. W. Halme Lever, the son of Lord Leverhulme, which are published in this month's issue of Progress, the monthly house organ of Lever Brothers, Ltd., the great soap firm.

Describing a native dance, the performing genius of which was a curiously clad native game hunter, Mr. Lever writes: "He wore a red and black blazer, a black evening waistcoat, an evening shirt without any collar, football shorts, white tennis shoes, and black socks, held in position by white suspenders. This extraordinary creature played a large accordion and danced, sometimes alone and sometimes with two other men. He really was a clever dancer.

His feet must have been squeezed through those ankles when they were young girls, I should imagine."

"Down here it is the women who do all the trading."

The scene inside what is called the Niger Company's trade shop, when the women bring the tickets given them for produce in order to obtain goods, was one I shall not easily forget.

"Two of the principal women traders of Onitsha, Mrs. Okwu-Obi and Mrs. Ewadi, came down to me to photograph them. They rolled down to the street in magnificently

## A VICTIM.

## OF OPPORTUNITY.

FATHER MOHAMMED TLEADS GUILTY.

Pleading guilty to charges which alleged that he had defrauded the Government of several thousand dollars, Fatch Mohamed, who formerly occupied a responsible post in the accountant's office of the Police Department was presented before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) in the Supreme Court to-day.

The Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C.) who appeared to represent the Crown told the Chief Justice that the prisoner was in a position of great trust and enjoyed the confidence of his superior officers. The methods he adopted in defrauding the Government included the use of false Chinese chops, the counterfeiting of signatures and a great number of other forgeries.

Appearing on behalf of the prisoner Mr. F. C. Jenkins (instructed by Mr. Leo Longinotto) said that Fatch Mohamed was 26 and had been in the Government service for 6½ years. Until his arrest in December he had before him a very brilliant future in the service as he was recognised as an exceptionally able, brilliant and hard working man. He joined the police accountant's department in 1915 and was subsequently, for a period, transferred to the Supreme Court, gaining special commendation from the Acting Chief Justice for the efficient way he performed his duties. For what it was worth, said Mr. Jenkins, he would mention that for five years during the war the prisoner was an excellent member of the auxiliary police force. A penitent man, he would most openly and unequivocably place before the Court, as a witness in the next case, all that he had one.

It would be clear, counsel proceeded, that the prisoner was a victim of opportunity. That did not excuse his lapse but it would appear that the system of the department in which he served was such that the opportunity of committing these frauds could hardly be avoided by a man of any intellect at all. The temptation was too great for him and he fell.

The Chief Justice: Was there any particular reason why he should have fallen at this time?

Mr. Jenkins said that so far as he knew there was no special reason except the ordinary human desire to acquire more money than could be got honestly. The prisoner was prepared not only to give evidence but to give the Government information for the purpose of preventing a repetition of this class of fraud.

The Chief Justice said he thought it would be convenient under the circumstances if he postponed the sentence upon the prisoner until the next case had been heard. "It is possible." His Lordship observed "that there may be something in his evidence in the next case which may affect my judgment one way or the other."

## CHARGE AGAINST ABONI SANTRA.

The next case was the one in which Aboni Santra, bookkeeper of the Automotive Trading Company, was charged with having conspired with Fatch Mohamed to defraud the Government. Defended by Mr. R. E. Bell (instructed by Mr. Leo Longinotto) he pleaded not guilty. A special jury summoned to try the case was composed as follows:—Mr. J. O. Hughes (foreman) and Messrs. H. Hancock, C. F. G. Grimble, F. R. J. Adams, A. Hogg, A. R. Lowe and A. S. D. Cowland.

The Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C.), prosecuted, adducing evidence on the lines of that given at the police court hearing. The Crown case had not concluded when this edition went to press.

Appointed Ford Limousines, each with a native chauffeur and servant in the front. They were dressed in native fashion, with coloured silk handkerchiefs round their heads, loin cloths, reaching from their waists to their feet, of richly embroidered satin (made in Spain), and coloured scarves wrapped round the upper parts of their bodies below the arms. They wore ivory bracelets like the women of Oguta, and heavy pieces of ivory round their ankles. Their feet must have been squeezed through those ankles when they were young girls, I should imagine."

"Down here it is the men who do all the trading." The scene inside what is called the Niger Company's trade shop, when the women bring the tickets given them for produce in order to obtain goods, was one I shall not easily forget. The noise, shouting, gesticulating, pushing, and shoving were exactly like the New York Stock Exchange, except that in the case of the natives only seemed to be enjoying it.

## SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

## STILL WAITING.

## CANTON DELEGATES BACK.

Further strike developments are still awaited. The engineering delegates have returned from Canton but at time of writing apparently have made no communication with the Government, as the Secretary for Chinese Affairs when seen this morning said he had no further information to give. Interviewed when he was returning to his office after tiffin the Hon. Mr. Hallifax said the engineering delegates had come back and the result of their visit was being dealt with at the moment. Things were not definite enough however to enable him to make any statement.

From other sources it was gathered that the mediation of the labour representatives has not been welcomed at Canton altogether enthusiastically.

There has been a little more activity in the harbour notable arrivals during the week end being the "Silver State" and the "Empress of Asia." The former vessel lost a hundred members of her crew on arrival, but they have been replaced by Northern Chinese and Filipinos. She leaves for Manila this evening. Cargo is being put in the "Hong Shan" Godowns. That by the "Empress of Asia" is being landed into the Kowloon godowns and some of the consignees are taking delivery of. Other vessels to arrive are the "Kwei Yang" from Hoikow with pigs, bullocks and poultry, the Devalta bringing mails; the Chiat Yek from Manila, the "Amakusa Maru" from Keelung and Swatow; the "Oma," "Australian" from Sydney, with flour; the "Willesden" bringing rice, from Keelung; the "Takoda Maru," from Calcutta, with rice and tea.

The "Shinyo Moru" also put into port for the first time since the strike.

The "Asuma Maru" has returned from Hainan Straits. She went there on salvage work on the wrecked "Manji Maru." It is now reported that the "Manji Maru" is beyond hope. The "Asuma" leaves tomorrow for Moji, the salvage operations having been abandoned.

Vessels to clear include the "West Chopala" for San Francisco, and the "Tamba Maru" for Shanghai and Yokohama.

## STRIKE'S EFFECTS.

## MANILA TRADE DECREASES.

The Chinese seamen's strike is having very wide effects and Manila to name only one port, sees its trade suffering in consequence. A customs official at that port declares that the strike in Hongkong has crippled the trade between the Philippines and neighbouring ports. Since the strike was declared, arrival of ships at Manila has decreased. Customs collections during the first part of February this year showed a considerable decrease as compared with the collections for the same period of last year. This, he said, is probably due to the little amount of merchandise brought to Manila by the ships. The entire customs collections for the port of Manila from February 1 to 13 amounted to P357,274.64 as against P580,243.89 for the corresponding period in 1921 showing a decrease of P122,969.25.

## MERCHANTS' LOSSES.

## DEVISING MEANS TO UNLOAD SHIPS.

Many Chinese hongs were represented at a meeting of merchants held in the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce rooms yesterday afternoon to discuss means of unloading cargo in ships held up by the strike. The Chairman, Mr. Chan Pak-chuen, after deplored the coolies' sudden action which had caught cargo that would otherwise have been unloaded when the ships first arrived here, said that that about 60 of the vessels idle in port had cargo in their holds. Other cargo was on the wharves and somewhat in lighters. The danger of cargo rotting was patent. He understood that Canton merchants were not affected by the strike and suggested that efforts should be made to induce Tung Tak Guild men still in Hongkong to resume work until the ships' cargo holds were cleared. After that had been done the merchants could suspend business until conditions became normal. The merchants were in the same predicament as a man suspended in mid-air, unable either to descend or

## THE "KNUCKLEDUSTERS."

## A KIDNAPPING PLOT.

## AND A PLAN THAT "GANGED AGLEY."

A plot by the *Son Sing*, more familiarly known as the "Knuckledusters" Society to kidnap the managing director of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. (Mr. Lo Shun Wan) and a letter offering "out of kindness" and in return for past benefits, to divulge the plans made for carrying out the dark deed were the main ingredients of an interesting story related to the Puisine Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) and a jury in the Supreme Court this morning when Li Shiu Pak, came up on a charge of sending a letter demanding money with menaces. A second charge accused him of having attempted to obtain money by false pretences. Mr. A. Dyer Ball prosecuted.

Witnesses called by the Crown related that on January 18, Mr. Lo Shun Wan was at the Taiping Theatre when a small boy came up and handed him a letter which set out that someone whom he had befriended felt that one good turn deserved another and was anxious to give him news of a plot endangering his safety. The writer mentioned that in consequence of his action in letting Mr. Lo know about the plot he himself was in danger and he asked for a loan of \$50 to enable him to make a break to Canton.

After reading the letter Mr. Lo thought nothing more of it until the next day when, just as he was leaving his office, the prisoner came up and said that he had written the letter because the "Three Star" or "Knuckledusters" Society had arranged to kidnap Mr. Lo and hold him for \$50,000 ransom. Mr. Lo arranged to meet the prisoner that evening at 7 p.m. and he called in at the Central Police Station at about 6 p.m. to state what happened. Two Chinese constables were told off to go with him in must to his office, where he had arranged to meet the prisoner, and when the quartette had arrived Mr. Lo introduced the constables as two of his office assistants. Further explanations by the prisoner disclosed that he had overheard a conversation between two "Knuckledusters" in the Theatre the upshot of which was that Mr. Lo was to be kidnapped the first time between January 21 and 27 that he went to his office late at night.

The prisoner said he was a "Knuckleduster" himself and the other members of the Society would not let him alone because they knew he had warned Mr. Lo. That was why he wanted the \$50 for his passage to Canton.

Following this conversation Mr. Lo treated the party to a meal at the Lok Tien restaurant. He suggested that the prisoner should get hold of the two "Knuckledusters" he had overheard in the theatre and should bring them along to a room at the Kwangchow Hotel in Shek Kongchui where they would talk things over. The prisoner went off with the two constables to find the men but returning to Mr. Lo at the Kwangchow Hotel confessed that he had been unable to trace them. It was then suggested that an amount of \$500 should be put to settle with the "Knuckledusters" and Mr. Lo asked the prisoner if he would sign a receipt for it. The prisoner refused and Mr. Lo then invited him to go to his house. The party set off in Mr. Lo's car and the prisoner was landed at the police station instead. (Proceeding.)

Local and General

In case heard at the Mixed Court Shanghai last week the four counsel engaged were Italian, British, American and French; the Assessor was British and the Magistrate Chinese. Truly an international affair.

A European, named Crawford, a stranger to Singapore, has been missing from the Japanese hotel, 5, Beach Road for some days, and no trace can be found of him. The police are making enquiries.

Five robbers armed with revolvers held up the fokis of the Wong Tai money changers shop in Austin Road, Kowloon about 7.15 last night and after driving them into the kitchen, broke open two drawers in the counter and helped themselves to \$22.10 cash.

ascend. Failing this the merchants should combine and make representations to the Government to obtain cooies to unload the goods. He estimated the value cargo waiting for delivery at \$20,000,000 and said the consignees' loss would be serious even if it was as little as 10 per cent.

The meeting unanimously approved the Chairman's motion that the Tung Tak Guild be approached to supply cooies and if they refused the Government's assistance be sought.

## UNLAWFUL SOCIETY.

## ARRESTED COOLES' CLAN.

A Chinese was charged before Magistrate Wood on Saturday with having been a member of the Tung Tak Coolies Guild which was recently declared to be an unlawful society by the Government in consequence of its participation in the strike. The defendant was arrested on the street on Friday having in his possession a badge of the guild. His story to the Magistrate was that he was no longer a member as he had been expelled from the guild for not having complied with the Guild's instructions to go to Canton. He, he said, worked for the past six days contrary to Guild orders.

The Magistrate remanded the case for Inspector Watt to verify the defendant's statement.

## COCKROACHES.

## INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

That enterprising firm The Pharmacy (Fletcher & Co., Ltd.) 22, Queen's Road have been appointed Sole agents in South China for Beetle Virus.

Beetle Virus is said to be certain destructive to cockroaches and will clear a badly infested basement in a week. It is absolutely harmless to Cats, Dogs and Human Beings and every living creature except cockroaches. The beetles disappear and die underground, that is why you won't find the dead bodies. It is claimed that this preparation possesses powerful antiseptic and dessicating properties, the dead Beetles become mummified, so that no objectionable results arise from the dead insects. The cockroaches not only disappear as if by magic, but the intolerable odour associated with this pest is also removed.

The following reprint from *The Daily Telegraph* dated February 17, 1913, shows the danger of food being contaminated by cockroaches:

Some interesting results of cancer research are communicated to a Scientific Journal by Professor Johanna Fibiger, director of the Pathological Institute at Copenhagen. Working on an idea put forward by other investigators that malignant tumours in rats and mice were due to the presence of worms in their bodies, he carried out a huge number of experiments and observations on these animals and was able to satisfy himself that he had conclusively proved the truth of the theory. Professor Fibiger found that tumorous afflictions in the stomach and oesophagus of rats were associated with a particular species of worm which develops from the egg to the larva stage in the bodies of cockroaches. He fed healthy cockroaches with eggs of these worms and then healthy rats with the infected cockroaches, with the result that the rodents developed tumours of an unmistakably cancerous type. Thus he claims to have demonstrated for the first time that cancer can be produced at any rate in rats and mice by the operations of these parasites. It will probably soon be proved that food contaminated by cockroaches, or as they are commonly called, black beetles, produce cancer in the human subject. It is obviously a wise precaution to exterminate this loathsome insect.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

In case heard at the Mixed Court Shanghai last week the four counsel engaged were Italian, British, American and French; the Assessor was British and the Magistrate Chinese. Truly an international affair.

A European, named Crawford, a stranger to Singapore, has been missing from the Japanese hotel, 5, Beach Road for some days, and no trace can be found of him. The police are making enquiries.

Five robbers armed with revolvers held up the fokis of the Wong Tai money changers shop in Austin Road, Kowloon about 7.15 last night and after driving them into the kitchen, broke open two drawers in the counter and helped themselves to \$22.10 cash.

Shanghai papers record the death which took place at Home at the ripe age of 82, of Captain Peter Harris, R.N.R., late Dock Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Royal Albert Docks. Intimation of the sad event was received in the form of a telegram from Home by Mr. R. V. Harris, son of the deceased gentleman, who is in the employ of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Ltd., agents for the P. & O. S. N. Co. The late Captain Harris had been in the employ of the P. & O. Company for 60 years, being on sea service before he took over his position as Dock Superintendent of the company. This position he held for 30 years, up to the time of his retirement two years ago. He visited many parts of the world and made many trips to China, where he was well known to many old hands. In his later years on the water, Captain Harris was senior commander of the P. & O. fleet.

## FOOTBALL.

The United Athletic Club's Shield Competition game against the H.M.S. "Tamar" has been altered from Tuesday, Club ground to Wednesday, Navy A. ground 6.30 p.m. The Magistrate remanded the case for Inspector Watt to verify the defendant's statement.

## \$300,000 FIRE.

## FIVE TOBACCO GODOWNS GUTTED.

## WEST POINT BLAZE.

## BRIGADE'S STRENUEOUS EARLY MORNING FIGHT.

Five West Point tobacco godowns, owned by the Leung Yick firm, have been completely destroyed with their contents as the result of a fire which broke out early this morning and was still burning at noon. Thanks to the strenuous efforts of the Fire Brigade there is now no danger of the fire spreading. The total loss is estimated at \$300,000 of which \$200,000 is covered by insurance.

The alarm was given at 1.10 a.m., and when two engines arrived at the fire about five minutes later, the middle one of the five two storied godowns, Nos. 370, 372, 374, 376 and 378 Des Voeux Road West, was blazing furiously. Hoses were immediately brought into play but a strong wind blowing from the sea caused the flames to spread rapidly, and soon the adjoining buildings caught alight and the godowns became a huge roaring furnace. The tobacco provided ready fuel for the flames, and for the next couple of hours the brigade's efforts were of little or no avail. Good work was done, however, preventing the flames from reaching the neighbouring godowns in which were stored rope and other highly inflammable goods.

The assistance of the No. 1 Firefloat was secured. Owing to the situation of the godowns it was difficult to attack the flames, the only access to the heart of the fire being a narrow lane which separated the godowns from others facing Hillyer Street. Another difficulty was added by the collapse of the corrugated iron roofing which brought down with it the floors and all the burning goods stored on them. The fire became so fierce that the strong iron supports of the roofs were badly twisted. The fight between fire and water continued until 4.30 when the brigade got control, but it was 9 o'clock before it was thought safe to allow the engines and the float to depart.

At noon when a *China Mail* reporter visited the scene the debris was still smouldering and firemen were pouring in streams of water. This task will continue until late in the day before the "all clear" can be given, as no sooner is the smoke from one part of the buildings checked than it arises somewhere else, showing that while the debris on top has been thoroughly soaked with water, the fire is still latent underneath.

Some 8,300 bales of tobacco were completely destroyed, and the damage is estimated at \$300,000. The buildings were covered by insurance to the extent of \$200,000, by various local insurance firms, these most heavily concerned being the British Dominion Insurance Co., W. G. Humphrey and Co. and W. R. Loxley and Co., to the extent of \$20,000 each, and Union Trading Co., to the extent of \$5,000. A good percentage of the tobacco was saved from the flames, but was totally ruined by the water.

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The royal party, which included the King and Queen, Queen Alexandra, the King and Queen of Norway, Princess Victoria, Princess Mary, and Prince Henry, sat in the front rows about 30 feet from the screen—class I in the cinemas as the cheapest seats. At the conclusion the King sent for Mr. Winik, of the Western Import Film Co., who recently arrived from America, and thanked him for the very enjoyable entertainment.

The Queen also expressed her pleasure. "I had heard a great deal about 'The Kid,'" she said, "and am very glad of the opportunity of seeing it." Queen Alexandra also much enjoyed the entertainment.

Music and dancing brought much merriment to Sandringham House when the servants' ball was held there. The staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the dance, which is an annual affair, and members of the royal party in residence at Sandringham attended the ball during the evening.

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Mr. Wilfrid Powell, her solicitor, said that when she was only 20 she was left alone in the world. Her father was a drunkard and committed suicide. She inherited his craving for drink but was cured. She then undertook very hard work and on the advice of a nurse took to morphine. Before this charge she spent about £70 on a drug cure at a London home, but unfortunately the doctor who attended her failed to warn her and her friends of the care that would be necessary in the future. She came out of the home suffering frightful pain—her whole body was writhing with it—and took to morphine again to stop it.

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## SHIPPING.

## FIRES IN SHIPS' BUNKERS.

## CAUSES ANALYSED.

Of the 242 cases of fires occurring on British ships during the year ended July 30, 1920 nearly one-third, or 74 to be exact, occurred in the bunkers. In almost one-half of these bunker fires the cause has been conclusively shown to be due to the so-called spontaneous combustion of the coal, and the circumstances attending practically all of the other cases leave little room for doubt that the trouble was due to the same phenomenon, says *Engineering*. More recently, further interest in the matter has been aroused by the occurrence of bunker fires in the mail steamers "Saxon" and "Port Augusta," and in view of its extreme importance Dr. J. T. Milton, until recently chief engineer-surveyor to Lloyd's Register, has submitted a report on the subject to the committee of that society. Dr. Milton has examined all available evidence, including an analysis of the 74 cases above referred to by the engineer surveyor-in-chief of the Board of Trade, and he considers that the conclusions given in a report to the Committee of Lloyd's Register in 1912, do not require any modifications or additions. The main conclusions of the 1912 report were to the effect that the heating of coal, and the consequent risk of spontaneous combustion, is caused by the absorption of oxygen from the air and that this absorption is greater at high temperatures than at low. To minimize the absorption of oxygen by the coal in reserve bunkers, or in any bunker in which men are not actually working, the lower doors should be kept tightly closed so as to prevent a current of air from passing through the bunker. Any parts of a bunker likely to be at temperature higher than the normal, the report continued, should be stowed with large coal, which should be worked out as soon as possible, as also should the small coal which accumulates under shovels, &c. Another important point to which attention was called was that the danger of spontaneous combustion increases with the length of time the coal remains in the ship, so that any coal left in a bunker when a fresh supply has to be taken in should be trimmed into such a position that it will be used on the next voyage. No risk, it was pointed out, arose from coal being wet when taken on board, and small coal, when known to be of a fiery nature, might with advantage be damped when filling the bunkers. Finally it was mentioned, that although some kinds of coal had been proved to be more liable to spontaneous heating and combustion than others, the trouble might occur with any coal, not excepting anthracite. It is obviously of the utmost importance that engineers of vessels should keep these points in mind in order to minimize the risk of fire at sea.

## BOMBAY HARBOUR.

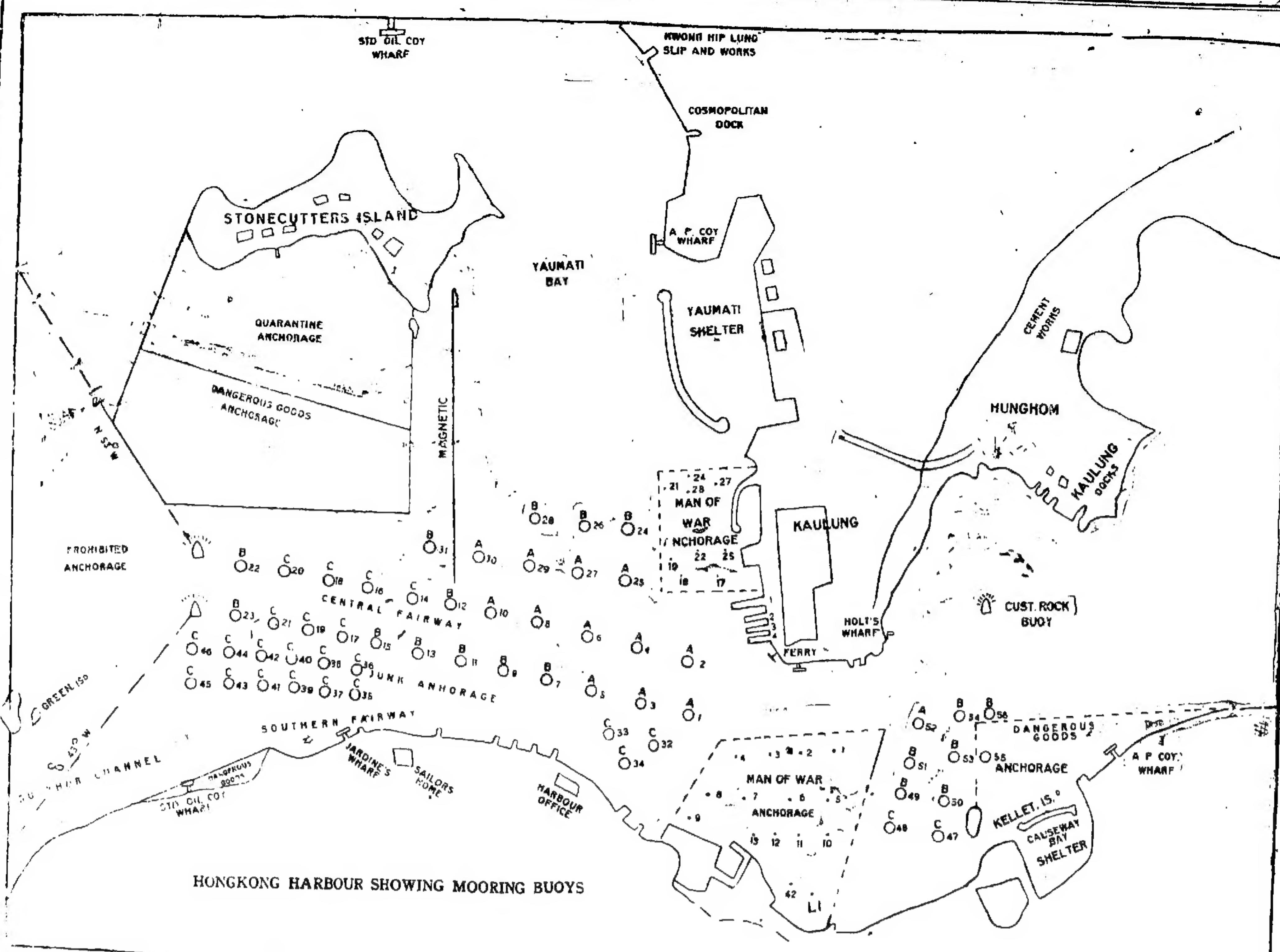
## WORLD'S LARGEST TIDAL MODEL COMPLETED.

What is probably the largest working tidal model in existence has recently been constructed by the Bombay Port Trust. Tidal models have proved of great value in the consideration of the difficult engineering problems connected with harbour development schemes, which it is often impossible to solve by the study of charts and plans alone. Bombay harbour with its enormous area of over 120 square miles, its irregular shape, rocky shores, reefs and shoals presents many difficult problems to the engineer.

The model of the Bombay harbour which the Port Trust has constructed is a reproduction in concrete of the islands, coast lines and harbour bed, on a scale of 10 inches to the mile with a vertical scale of  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch to one foot for depths. The harbour bed of the model is covered with a 2-inch layer of the finest sand and the tidal propagating machinery, driven by a 5 H.P. electric motor, produces a regular rotation of graduated spring and high tides analogous to those actually occurring in nature. The action of the creeks and rivers which flow into the harbour is reproduced by subsidiary tanks connected with the main flow. It is the effect of these tides and currents on the sand bed of the harbour, which is observed during experiments, and so far as the preliminary experiments have gone the model has given results which agree almost exactly with observations recently taken in connection with the survey of the harbour.

The following typical experiments which it is proposed to carry out with the aid of the model indicate its scope of usefulness:

(1) To test the relative merits of the various new dock schemes under consideration, with reference to currents and approach channels.



HONGKONG HARBOUR SHOWING MOORING BUOYS

(2) To test the action of tides and currents in distributing sewage effluents.

(3) To examine the probable effect of the proposed Bombay Development Scheme dredging on existing harbour channels.

## LOSS OF THE "PERLIS."

## THE COURT OF INVESTIGATION FINDING.

The current issue of the Straits Government Gazette contains the finding of the Court of Investigation into the circumstances attending the loss of the "Perlis" off Pulo Pisang of the West Coast of Siam. The investigation was held at Penang on October 14, 1921, before Mr. Ralph Scott, District Judge, assisted by Captains H. S. Shepard, A. R. Hunter, and W. Brown.

The Court found that the "Perlis" was well found and fully equipped on her departure from Trang on August 17, 1921 and that she had a proper complement of officers and men on board at the time. The cargo in hold was properly stowed although the deck cargo appeared to have been unsecured.

The court found that the "Perlis" was entry of water into the after-hold and stokehold; the after-deck was also flooded. There was not sufficient evidence before the court to give a definite answer to this question as to whether the loss was caused by incompetence or misconduct of any of the officers or men, but the court considered that no blame could be placed on the officers and crew. Twenty-nine persons were lost. Attempts were made to lower the boats and life-boats were served out. Owing to the rapidity with which the ship sank, it was impossible to complete the rescue.

## GENERAL NOTES.

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## SIR WALTER RUNCIMAN ON SHIPPING.

Sir Walter Runciman, writing in the Liverpool Daily Post, says: Decidedly the present condition of shipping is tragic; a gigantic part of it is over-capitalised, and hundreds of vessels are laid up in every important river and port in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world at ruinous cost. To describe it as a shipping depression would be a mild description of the situation. The return along the hard road to sound finance, the reduction of working expenses in every department and of the enormous and prohibitory cost of repairing damaged vessels are immediate essentials. There are many that need repairing, but no owner in his senses is going to incur outlay that may far exceed the market value of a new vessel. Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has also been informing a Manchester audience, and, therefore, trade generally, that he sees the dawn of better trade. He admits that to him it is still dim, but it is there. I wish to let you know that we know in what part of the globe it is visible, be-

cause I have a large staff of experts in each of my branches who are scouring the universe in search of employment that will yield a profit, and neither they nor myself can discover anything but an impoverished commercial world.

## RACING EAST.

The British India motorship "Domala" and her turbine driven sister "Modasa" each left the Thames by the same tide, the former bound for Bombay and Karachi, and the latter for East Africa. Not only is there the factor of sister hulls being given different types of machinery, but there is the even more important point that the motorship was built by Barclay Curle on the Clyde, while the steamer hails from Swan Hunter's Tyneside yard. It may be that instructions will be given for the careful nursing of the "Domala's" Diesels, but she did so well on trial and the motors proved themselves so reliable on the very fairly stiff tests through which she passed, that this is not by any means certain. For against the advantages of nursing new engines is the very great advantage of pride of ship, a feeling which the P. and O. and associated companies know how to encourage as well as anybody.

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and coastwise, paying dues inward was 8,680,000 tons in 1914; 8,700,000 tons in 1920; and 7,845,000 tons in 1921; and paying dues outward 7,020,000 tons, 5,500,000 tons, and 5,950,000 tons respectively. The quantities of goods imported from abroad and on which dues were paid were, approximately: Cotton, 411,548 tons, against 682,018 in 1920; wheat, 758,707, against 232,351; maize, 256,987; flour, 82,739; bacon and ham, 186,392; sugar, 481,213, against 453,874; tobacco, 57,537; wool, 66,943. The tonnage of goods handled in the board's warehouses was: 434,000 tons in 1914, 650,000 in 1921. Grain and breadstuffs greatly preponderated.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1922.

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

## PROJECTED DEPARTURE:

## CHINA COAST, ETC.

(Owing to the Chinese seamen's strike, these dates cannot be relied on except where the companies are not affected).

## SWATOW.

## Mar. 9.—O.S.K. Soshu Maru.

## AMOY.

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## SHANGHAI.

## Feb. 28.—C.N. Chilun.

## 28.—O.S.K. Africa Maru.

## 28.—N.Y.K. Tambo Maru.

## Mar. 1.—B.F. Polens.

## 2.—C.N. Fazang.

## 2.—C.I.S.N. Washington.

## 2.—N.Y.K. Atanta Maru.

## 4.—O.S.K. Hawaii Maru.

## 7.—M.M. Andou.

## 7.—B.F. Montor.

## 8.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru.

## 9.—A.I. Silver States.

## 12.—B.I. Gregory Appear.

## 12.—P.O. Novara.

## 14.—B.F. Andries.

## 16.—C.M. Nde.

## 16.—I.T. Mian.

## 17.—B.F. Phesus.

## 18.—B.F. Tobs.

## 19.—P.O. Swift.

## 20.—E.L. City of Odessa.

## 23.—B.F. Toreus.

## 23.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia.

## 23.—A.I. Pinetree State.

## 26.—C.P.S. Montagle.

## 29.—C.P.S. Kalyan.

## Apr. 4.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru.

## 4.—B.F. Utopia.

## 5.—C.P.S. Empress of Japan.

## 6.—A.I. Wuchow.

## 7.—P.O. Phesus.

## 10.—B.F. Lamdon.

## 10.—C.P.S. Azamun.

## 20.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.

## 24.—K.K. Siberia Maru.

## 25.—D.O. Donzola.

## 29.—D.O. Stein.

## May 1.—T.K.K. Tokyo Maru.

## 7.—P.O. Rhyb.

## 18.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia.

## 21.—P.O. Kachin.

## 27.—C.P.S. Montagle.

## June 1.—U.S. Empress of Canada.

## 4.—P.O. Soglan.

## 10.—P.O. Kashin.

## July 2.—P.O. Khi.

## 97.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada.

## Aug. 10.—O.P.S. Empress of Russia.

## WEIHAIWEI AND CHEFOO.

## Feb. 28.—C.N. Huihow.

## TIENTSIN.

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## TAKU AND DALNY.

## Mar. 14.—B.F. Anchises.

## 33.—B.F. Teiresias.

## KEELUNG.

## Feb. 26.—O.S.K. Amakuso Maru.

## Mar. 8.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru.

## Apr. 4.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru.

## TAKAO.

## Mar. 9.—O.S.K. Soshu Maru.

## DAIREN.

## Mar. 29.—T.K.K. Poria Maru.

## HAIPHONG VIA HOIHOW.

## Mar. 2.—I.C.S.N. Loksaung.

## HAIPHONG.

## Mar. 6.—M.M. Armand Behic.

## SAIGON.

## Mar. 1.—O.S.K. Busho Maru.

## 6.—M.M. Armand Behic.

## 21.—M.M. Andre Lebon.

## BANGKOK.

## Mar. 1.—I.C.S.N. Chunsang.

## 2.—O.S.K. Busho Maru.

## SINGAPORE.

## Feb. 28.—O.S.K. Indus Maru.

## 28.—B.F. Agamem.

## 28.—L.P.O. Tria.

## 1.—P.O. Kachin.

## 2.—I.C.S.N. Lyne Maru.

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## 3.—P.O. Dunes.

## 4.—I.S.K. Europa.

## 4.—I.S.K. Nanking Maru.

## 6.—M.M. Armand Behic.

## 9.—H.E.A.L. Alabri.

## 10.—G.L. Glendale.

## 10.—O.S.K. Atai Maru.

## 10.—B.F. Aix.

## 13.—N.Y.K. Tajima Maru.

## 14.—P.O. Sicilia.

## 15.—B.F. Glancus.

## 15.—P.O. Kiva.

## 20.—B.F. Kabinga.

## 20.—B.F. Telemachus.

## 21.—B.F. Mentor.

## 21.—M.M. Andre Lebon.

## 23.—E.A. Afrike.

## 23.—B.L. Tukada.

## 24.—G.L. Glanonym.

## 24.—I.L. City of Simla.

## 28.—O.S.K. Panava Maru.

## 28.—P.O. Devanya.

## 30.—B.F. Knight Templar.

## 31.—P.O. Sjolja.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## GENOA CONFERENCE.

PARIS, February 25th.  
Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincaré are meeting on Friday 26th at Boulogne. The meeting is described as the inauguration of Genoa. It will be very brief owing to the necessity of the Prime Minister returning to confer with Mr. Griffith and Mr. Collins on February 26th. The utmost precautions are being taken to ensure strict privacy at the conference.

BOSTON, February 25th.  
In connection with today's meeting between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincaré it is stated in well-informed quarters that the main feature of the former's plan for Genoa is to establish a ten year truce throughout Europe, every nation formally agreeing mutually to respect frontiers during that period to abstain from all war, to devote themselves to the welfare of finance, commerce and industry, and to agree upon universal reduction of land armaments.

The *Press* suggests that Mr. Lloyd George contemplates a definite ten year truce and limiting land armaments submitted to the naval treaty.

BOULOGNE, February 26th.  
Mr. Lloyd George-Poincaré meeting has opened. The two Prime Ministers made a complete understanding regarding the conditions under which the Genoa Conference will be held and its postponement to April 10th, also entire agreement on the sentiments of a Franco-British Pact which is ready for signature within a few days. The question of whether disengagement will be discussed at Genoa was not mentioned. Both Prime Ministers expressed the greatest satisfaction as the result of the talk.

LATER.

A communiqué says that M. Poincaré and Mr. Lloyd George had a four hour talk on certain problems, particularly relating to the Foreign Affairs Committee. Government will decide the question of the appointment of an enquiry committee later.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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## ROYAL WEDDING.

LONDON, February 25th.  
Crowded London is taking an ever growing interest in Tuesday's royal wedding in Westminster Abbey, and its feverish preparations. The wedding cake was delivered yesterday. It stands six feet high and weighs over five hundred pounds. A feature of the cake is the representation of four Greek temples. Never has a royal bride seemingly received a more wonderful collection of presents. Already the number is twelve hundred and the Princess is still busily receiving and graciously acknowledging them from all quarters. The jewelry alone which has evoked such admiration from the guests at a series of brilliant wedding receptions given by their Majesties is estimated at a value of £10,000 and is guarded day and night. The Princess, however, is devoting the larger part of the numerous funds subscribed to charitable objects.

## BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

PARIS, February 26th.  
A demand has been presented to the Chamber for the appointment of a commission of enquiry numbering thirty-three members "to throw the fullest light on political responsibilities of every kind chargeable in the affair of the Banque Industrielle de Chine." It is signed by twenty deputies including André Tardieu and Édouard Ignace, ex-Under Secretary of Justice. The latter recently published in *Le Clemencien*'s newspaper a series of confidential documents in an attempt to prove that the highest persons in the State are compromised.

PARIS, February 26th.  
The Government has passed on the demand concerning the Banque Industrielle to the Foreign Affairs Committee. Government will decide the question of the appointment of an enquiry committee later.

## SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE.

JOHANNESBURG, February 25th.  
The Government has called for a thousand special constables. Spring's commando kidnapped and roughly handled a colliery official and two companions, subsequently released them.

JOHANNESBURG, February 26th.  
There were five successive dynamite explosions near one of the shafts of the City Deep mine, but they did not produce a stoppage.

## ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

ROMA, February 26th.  
The King has approved of ex-Finance Minister Facta's list of ministers, comprising eight Democrats, three members of the Popular or Catholic Party, one Agrarian, one Socialist reformist, and one High Liberal. Signor Facta takes the Premiership, and becomes Minister for Home Affairs, Schenato Foreign Affairs, Amendola Colonies, Bertone Finance, Disraeli war, and Devoto marine.

ROMA, February 26th.  
The ex-Minister of Finance, Signor Facta, is forming a Ministry.

## AFFAIRS IN INDIA.

DELHI, February 26th.  
Marathas have been withdrawn in Madras and a civil ordinance promulgated providing measures for the restoration and maintenance of law and order.

DELHI, February 26th.  
The All-India Congress committee met Gandhi and passed a resolution confirming the suspension of mass civil disobedience, but sanctioning practically all other non-cooperation activities, including civil and aggressive, and picketing. The discussion lasted till midnight and the committee adjourned.

BRITISH TRADE SHIP.

LONDON, February 25th.  
It has been decided to postpone the sailing of the British trade ship till more definite signs are apparent of the recovery of world conditions.

## ANOTHER INSURANCE FAILURE.

LONDON, February 26th.  
Yet another insurance concern, namely, the First National Reinsurance Company, belonging to the City Equitable group, has filed a winding up petition.

LONDON, February 26th.  
In order to calm doubt regarding the reasons for the failure of the City Equitable the Official Receiver in a statement says that investigation hitherto show the immediate cause to have been the company's highly speculative financial dealing, largely by the act and under the direction of the chairman. Many investments were wholly unsuitable from an insurance standpoint and many were unassimilable. The last balance sheet did not disclose the company's true position on February 25th last year.

## RUBBER MAGNATE'S DEATH.

LONDON, February 26th.  
A well-dressed man who was killed through falling under a train at South Kensington station was identified as Mr. George Cross, director of Harrisons and Crosfield, and twenty rubber companies associated therewith. He recently resigned the chairmanship owing to prolonged ill-health. He suffered from neurasthenia.

## EX-KING FERDINAND.

PARIS, February 26th.  
A message from Mayence states that two shots were fired without result at ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria on his leaving the opera at Munich. The assailant, a Bulgarian, was arrested.

## ADMIRALTY ECONOMIES.

LONDON, February 26th.  
The Admiralty has issued a statement claiming that it has made further large reductions which have now been approved, reducing the proposed estimates for 1922-23 by twenty-two millions to under sixty-one millions.

## COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, February 26th.  
A feature of the improved cotton market are the substantial orders from China ports.

## BANK.

## ASIA BANKING CORPORATION

(An American Bank for trade with the Far East.)

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## BANK.

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Shanghai.

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Tientsin

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D. M. BIGGAR,

Manager.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 27, 1922.

On London

Bank, Wire

On demand

" 30 days' sight

" 4 months' sight

Credits, 4 months' sight

Documentary 4 months' sight

On Paris

On demand

Credits, 4 months' sight

On New York

On demand

Credits, 60 days' sight

On Bombay

Wire

On demand

On Calcutta

Wire

On demand

On Singapore

On demand

On Manila

On demand

On Shanghai

On demand

On Yokohama

On demand

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)

Silver coins (Bank's buying rate)

Silver (per oz.)

SUBSIDARY COINS

Hongkong 50 cents and

" 10

" 5

Canton coins

Bar Silver in Hongkong

Chinese Copper Cash

Chinese Copper Cents

Rate of Native Interest

Chinese Sub. Coin

Hongkong Sub. Coin

per cent.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**Alkali Manufacturers**  
Brunner, Mond & Co. (China), Ltd.  
Alkali Manufacturers.  
Tel. 1630. 7, Queen's Rd. Central.

**Auctioneers**  
Hughes & Hough—Des Voeux Rd.,  
and Ice House St. Government  
Auctioneers—Coal, Share and General  
Brokers.

**Banks**  
The Bank of Canton, Ltd.,  
Des Voeux Road Central.

The Bank of East Asia, Ltd.,  
Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

Chinese Merchant's Bank, Ltd.,  
Alexandra Bldgs., Chater Rd.

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84, D'Aguilar Street. Tel. No. 1507.

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Plumbing Supply**

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Dealer in Sanitary Appliances,  
21 Wellington Street. Tel. 1482.  
Manager, Lee Yu Cheung.

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Merchants**

The China Industrial Commercial  
Tobacco Co., Ltd.  
15, Wing Lok Street, H. K.  
53, The Bund, Canton.

**Coal Merchants**

Hing Ip Co., Coal Merchants,  
87 Queen's Road Central, 1st floor.  
Telegraphic address "Hindeace".  
P. O. Box 400

Kwong Hang & Co., Coal Merchants  
43 Des Voeux Rd. Central. Tel. 2736.

The Laney Co., Coal Merchants &  
Shipping Commercial Agents, 10 Des  
Voeux Road W. Manager, J. D. Watt.  
Tel. 3667. Cable "Lanipery."

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Central. Tel. No. 1251.

**Dyeing & Dry Cleaning**

The Diamond Dyeing & Dry  
Cleaning Co. (Cassum Ahmed  
Agents, 32-34 Wellington Street and  
No. 22 Nathan Road, Kowloon).

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The Globe Electrical Supply Co.  
Electrical Suppliers & Contractors.  
1, Queen's Rd. Central. Tel. No. 3270.

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The Po Kwong Electric Co.  
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Sang Kee Co., Electric Cables and  
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Repairs. 16 Pottinger St. Tel. 3580.

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Suppliers and Contractors. 137, Des  
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Motor Cars, Garages, Boats—Outfitting  
Electric Lights, and Storage of  
Cars, Canesway Bay, Branch—11  
Carolina Road. Mgr. Tang Loy Ip.  
Engg. Tong Ip.

The Western Cycle & Motor-Car  
Co., 4 Arsenal Street, Wan Chai.  
Cars for hire, stored and repaired.  
Tel. 230.

Lo Lok Garage, Cars for hire—  
No. 77, Praya East, Wan Chai.  
Shui Kee Coal Merchants,  
Telephone No. 3382.

Star Garage, Motor Cars. Motor  
cycles Repairs and Overhauling  
Cars on hire and for sale. 49 Des  
Voeux Road, Central. Tel. 3017.

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Cartier Manufacturers, 10  
Monmouth Street, West, Hong  
Kong, China.

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House, Wan Chai and Canton Markets.  
Manufacturers of Gasoline, Diesel  
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and Gasoline.

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Telegraphic Address "Asitracold."  
24, Queen's Road, Central. Tel. 286.

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Exporters and Commission Agents.  
Des Voeux Road.

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and General Commission Agents.  
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Road, C. Tel. No. 1280. P. O.  
Box 261. Cable Address "Flourish."

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Importers and Exporters.

**G. Ito, Co., Ltd.**, 5, Queen's Road  
Central, Import & Export, General  
Commission agents. Tel. No. 238.  
Cable address "Iroshin."

**The Hongkong Import Co.**,  
Importers and Exporters.  
Tel. 3037. No. 37, Queen's Road Central

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Commission Merchants.  
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P. O. Box 1592.  
Cable Address "Kuningtai"

**Kwong Son & Co.**, 56 Queen's Road  
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Kwong King Hin (Ast.) Tel. 3168.

**Leison & Co., Limited**, Importers,  
Exporters & Commission Agents.  
16 Des Voeux Rd Central. Tel. 472.

**Masuda Trading Co.**,  
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NIKKO—Japanese fine art curios.  
23, Queen's Road C. Tel. 1258.

**Nam Fung Loong**,  
87 Queen's Road Central,  
General Stationers, Wine & Glass  
Merchants. General Importers,  
Exporters of Chinese Produce.  
Tel. 351.

**The Tung Ah Communicating Co.**,  
Importers and Exporters  
Commission Agents  
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Hongkong, China.  
Cable Address: "TUNGAH" Hongkong  
All codes.  
Telephone No. 2124.

**Universal Commercial Co.**,  
63, Connaught Road, Central. Tel.  
1523. P. O. Box 78. Agents Singa-  
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"Salemur" Mgr. L. C. Cheo.

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194, Queen's Road Central, Agents  
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78, Queen's Road Central.

**R. Hida & Co.**, Watchmakers and  
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No. 19-41, Praya East, Hongkong.

**Ship Chandlers**  
Chung Fook, 78 Connaught Rd. Ctr.  
First floor. Tel. 839.  
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MERCHANTS, Bullet & Pilot supply.  
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33, Queen's Road Central.

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Jervois Street, Tel. 1745.

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72-72A Queen's Rd, Central. Tel. 2137.

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Tel. 712. Mgr. Chung Tso Ting.

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REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILED are closed 15 minutes earlier than the  
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## INWARD MAILED.

FROM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Shanghai ..... Kashgar  
Shanghai ..... Soochow

Straits ..... A'fuss, Mara

Japan and Shangha ..... Haruna Maru  
Shanghai ..... Hunan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

Foochow ..... A Steamer ..... 4 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Keelung ..... Amakusa Maru ..... 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Foochow, via Deva-ha ..... 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and Japan ..... 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L.

Marques, South Africa, India via Dambukodi, Egypt & Europe via MARSEILLE. Registration 9.45 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m. The Parcel Mail will be closed on

Tuesday, the 28th inst. at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, the 29th inst. at 5 p.m.

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Friday, the 31st inst. at 5 p.m.

Saturday, the 1st inst. at 5 p.m.

Sunday, the 2nd inst. at 5 p.m.

Monday, the 3rd inst. at 5 p